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Reply to Office Action of September 13, 2005

Amendment to the Abstract:

The Abstract has been amended. A revised Abstract is attached.

A semiconductor laser device <u>is provided that includes including: a type a first conductivity type, semiconductor substrate of a first conductivity type; a first conductivity type cladding layer of the first conductivity type provided on the semiconductor substrate; and an active layer provided on the cladding layer. of the first conductivity type, the active layer has having a super-lattice structure including a disordered region in a vicinity of <u>a at least one</u> cavity end face. A; a first cladding layer of a second conductivity type <u>is provided</u> on the active layer, an etching stop layer of the second conductivity type <u>is provided</u> on the first cladding layer; and a second cladding layer formsing a ridge structure that extends, the ridge structure extending along a cavity length direction. An impurity and having a predetermined width. A concentration of an impurity in the etching stop layer in the vicinity of the at least one eavity end face is greater than a concentration of the impurity in the interior of a cavity and equal to or smaller than about 2 x 10¹⁸ cm⁻³.</u>